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IN RE APPLICATION OF

HANS-ULRICH PETEREIT, ET AL.

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/EP03/09800)

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FOR: MULTILAYER DOSAGE FORMS,

WHICH CONTAIN ACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND WHICH COMPRISE A NEUTRAL CORE, AND AN INNER AND OUTER COATING CONSISTING OF

METHACRYLATE COPOLYMERS

AND METHACRYLATE

MONOMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.